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SUBJECT: Cease and Desist Order

BOARD ACTION: Consideration of Cease and Desist Order

BACKGROUND: **COUNTY OF FRESNO AND RIVER RANCH, L.L.C., CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, MENDOTA SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE, Fresno County**

The County of Fresno maintains an inactive municipal solid waste disposal site (hereafter Mendota Landfill) on land covering two parcels. The County of Fresno owns one parcel, with a smaller parcel owned by River Ranch, L.L.C. (River Ranch), a California limited liability company. The County of Fresno and River Ranch are hereafter jointly referred to as Discharger. The Mendota Landfill is about 1.5 miles northeast of the City of Mendota. The 22-acre facility consists of one existing unlined waste management unit covering approximately 21 acres. The facility is regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R5-2002-0199, as an inactive Class III waste disposal site.

The Discharger is in violation of Order No. R5-2002-0199 for failure to complete clean-closure activities at the Mendota Landfill. Clean-closure of the landfill is the Discharger's chosen closure plan for the landfill. In addition, the landfill poses a continued threat to groundwater and surface water quality. The Cease and Desist Order contains new compliance dates for completion of the clean-closure. Staff proposes a Cease and Desist Order to establish a time schedule that requires the Discharger to complete clean-closure activities in accordance with a time schedule, to comply with Order No. R5-2002-0199, and to submit various technical reports pursuant to CWC §13267. This Cease and Desist Order also requires the submission of quarterly status reports to monitor compliance with this Order. The Discharger concurs with the tasks and associated time schedule.

ISSUES: Adopt the proposed order.

Mgmt. Review\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Review\_\_\_\_\_

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